

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm. Selectmen present were Janet Smith and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Brian Knipstein, Reuben Hull, Chief Art Reed and Wendy Chase.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Janet Smith as acting Chairman to the Board of Selectmen in James McIlroy's absence, all were in favor.

The proposed salt shed easement was discussed with Brian Knipstien. Brian will check with EPA on salt storage. Wendy will contact Lynne Sweet in regards to liability insurance coverage within the easement.

Brian agrees that a fence should be placed at the entrance of the salt shed off of Hervey Court. He suggested using some of the money within his budget earmarked for the salt shed repairs to purchase the gate and have it installed before the fall cleanup.

Janet explained to Brian that the Water & Sewer Commissioners would prefer that items not be stored year round at the salt shed. Brian will move the snow blower that is currently there.

Reuben Hull was in to discuss cul-de-sacs in town. He did some research on the owner of the cul-de-sac on Hemlock Court. It was determined that it is town owned property. Reuben made several suggestions on maintaining the property including letting the Town maintain it by mowing once or twice per year, soliciting volunteers to "adopt a spot" and maintain it or leave it alone and let it overgrow.

Reuben will address the cul-de-sac issue with the Planning Board and set guidelines for the maintenance of cul-de-sacs in future developments.

Reuben will look into the Deertrees and Evergreen developments and see how the cul-de-sac maintenance is handled and report back to the Board.

Reuben will come before the Board in a couple of weeks to update the Selectmen on Planning issues.

Chief Reed presented a check for \$500.00 from the NH Assoc. of Chiefs of Police for achieving New Hampshire recognition. The money will go towards more accreditation schooling.

Chief Reed informed the Board that the Director and Assistant Director of the Police Academy will present Certificate of Recognition/Accreditation to the Newfields Police Department on July 5, 2005. Chief Reed will contact the Newspaper to see if they will cover it.

Janet updated the Board and Chief Reed on the meeting she attended regarding the future Court House which was hosted by the Towns of Hampton and Exeter. A survey will be sent out inquiring whether we want 1 or 2 Court Houses. The State will not pay for 2 Court Houses. A committee was formed to investigate locations for the proposed Court House. Seabrook NH has land they will donate for a new Court House. A location has not yet been determined.

A motion was made and seconded to go into non public session at 8:00pm, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a) with Chief Art Reed and all were in favor.

Chief Reed informed the Selectmen during non public session that Melissa Lajoie has resigned as Administrative Assistant to the Police Department. She will be leaving at the end of July 2005. Melissa will be running the interview process. The position will be advertised for 27 hours per week, with salary ranging between \$12.00 to \$15.00 per hour. There will be a 2 to 3 week overlap with Melissa and the new hire.

A motion was made and seconded to come out of non public session at 8:15pm and all were in favor.

Sue McKinnon informed the Board that she had spoken to Susan Slack of the Local Government Center in regards to tax billing unknown property owners. The Town must make every effort to contact individuals that may own the property. It must also be noticed in the local newspaper. Sue will email Ms. Slack and get a reply in writing as to the criteria the Town must meet.

The intent to cut form for Joseph Falzone was reviewed and signed by the Board.

The Sutherland abatement form was signed.

The Board signed the pole license agreement with Verizon.

The Board was informed that the new subdivision on Old Lee Road will begin on June 20, 2005.

Fran Lane's correspondence on the Les Case case was read.

Janet updated the Board on the GATSAS plan. She spoke to Maggie Hassan and the new education plan called GATSAS has passed the Senate and is on its way to the House. If this plan passes it will be better for Newfields than Governor Lynch's plan. With the GATSAS plan, funding for Newfields goes down a certain percentage each year. With

Governor Lynch's plan, after 10 years the Town of Newfields receives zero funding from the State for education.

Janet also received information on the LCHIP funding. The money may be earmarked for properties that are not around this area.

Janet signed, as Acting Chairman to the Board, a letter to the NH Department of Environmental Services, Estuaries Project, in regards to the grant money that we can no longer use earmarked for the Cole property.

Janet made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2005, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

Janet made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase